

**Edwards: L-3 Waco Could Receive Portion of \$100 Million from 2009 War Supplemental for Wing Repair on Navy P-3 Surveillance Planes**

(Washington, DC) – U.S. Representative Chet Edwards today announced L-3 Communications in Waco could soon receive a portion of the \$100 million allocated by Congress for wing repair on the U.S. Navy's P-3 surveillance aircraft. An amendment adding \$100 million for P-3 aircraft wing repair was supported by Edwards and members of the House Appropriations Committee today under the 2009 Supplemental Appropriations bill, which funds U.S. military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"L-3 has a proven track record of success when it comes to developing critical military systems that help protect our troops in the field," said Edwards, a senior member of the Appropriations Committee. "Given their history of quality work on the P-3 project, there is a reasonable possibility that a portion of these funds could go to L-3 for wing repair, and that would mean additional jobs and increased economic development in Waco."

In 2008, L-3 Waco was awarded \$136 million in federal funds for work on the Navy's P-3 aircraft. Over 300 local employees currently repair or replace critical parts primarily in the wing and tail assembly area, which allows the P-3 to fulfill critical Navy surveillance missions in Iraq and Afghanistan. "As Waco's largest private employer, this significant investment reflects the importance of the P-3 mission as well as the quality work performed by L-3 Waco employees," said Edwards.

The 2009 Supplemental Appropriations bill now moves to the full House for a vote.

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